Sl. No.	State	No. of State PSUs in default	Amount outstanding
8.	Kerala	42	909.27
9.	Maharashtra	6	206.98
10.	Madhya Pradesh	32	4493.88
11.	N.E. Region	40	2181.24
12.	Orissa	192	6152.52
13.	Punjab	41	524.74
14.	Rajasthan	4	1201.86
15.	Tamil Nadu	25	292.22
16.	Uttaranchal	23	1344.76
17.	Uttar Pradesh	78	5584.46
18.	W. Bengal	28	2800.57
	TOTAL	611	31153.51

Committees on labourers and their employment

†976. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Committees under the chairmanship of two experts Mr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia and Mr. S.P. Gupta have been constituted by Government to conduct a study regarding the number of labourers and their employment and unemployment position during the last years;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that both the Committees have submitted their reports separately regarding employment generation and the number of unemployed persons at present as well as in future;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the report which has been considered more authentic by Government out of the two reports?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Strategies recommended by Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia

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Committee and Shri S.P. Gupta Committee for employment generation are given below.

Recommendations of the Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia Committee

- Accelerating the rate of growth of GDP, with particular emphasis on sectors likely to ensure the spread of income to the low-income segments of the labour force.
- Pursuing appropriate sectoral policies in individual sectors which are particularly important for employment generation. These sector level policies must be broadly consistent with the overall objective of accelerating GDP Growth.
- Implementing focused special programmes for creating additional employment of enhancing income generation from existing activities aimed at helping vulnerable groups that may not be sufficiently benefited by the more general growth promoting policies.
- Pursuing suitable policies for education and skill development, which would upgrade the quality of the labour force and make it capable of supporting a growth process which generates high quality jobs.
- Ensuring that the policy and legal environment governing the labour market encourages labour absorption, especially in the organized sector.

Strategies recommended by Shri S.P. Gupta Committee during the 10th Plan period

- 8% growth with business as usual will contribute only 3 crore employment opportunities.
- Special employment generation programmes will yield 2 crore employment opportunities.
- Special emphasis on agriculture, irrigation, agro-forestry, small and medium enterprises, information communication technology and other services.
- Tourism—an important stimulus to employment—rationalize hotel and entertainment taxes.

(d) Government have taken both the reports into consideration while formulating the Tenth Plan.

Core Group on Common Minimum Programme

†977. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Core Group has been constituted by Government under the Chairmanship of Labour Secretary to implement and monitor the Common Minimum Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering a comprehensive change in labour policies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the Common Minimum Programme and working area of the Core Group?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) A Core Group comprising of officials of Ministry of Labour and Employment has been constituted with a view to monitor the implementation of the policies/programmes contained in the National Common Minimum Programme concerning this Ministry.

(c) to (e) Review and updation of labour laws is a continuous process keeping in view the emerging needs of the economy for higher productivity, competitiveness, higher level of investments, employment generation etc. Main areas concerning labour and employment indicated in the National Common Minimum Programme which will also be monitored by the Core Group relate to enactment of a National Employment Guarantee Act, ensuring welfare and well being of workers particularly in the unorganised sector, review of labour laws with a view to harmonize and streamline procedures etc.

Right to strike for Government Employees

978. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

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